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WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
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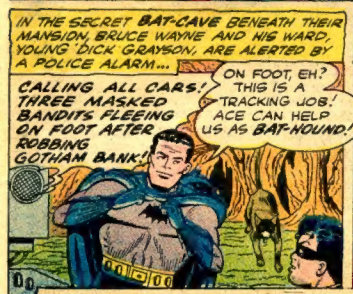
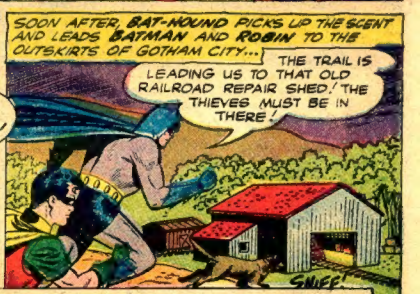
the DOG that BETRAYED BATMAN
BOB KANE
LOOK OUT! BAT-HOUND'S ATTACKING US!
HAW, HAW! WHAT A SIGHT! THEIR OWN POOCH TURNING AGAINST BATMAN AND ROBIN!


IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE BENEATH THEIR MANSION, BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, ARE ALERTED BY A POLICE ALARM...
CALLING ALL CARS! THREE MASKED BANDITS FLEEING ON FOOT AFTER ROBBING GOTHAM BANK!
ON FOOT, EH? THIS IS A TRACKING JOB! ACE CAN HELP US AS BAT-HOUND!


SOON AFTER, BAT-HOUND PICKS UP THE SCENT AND LEADS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY...
THE TRAIL IS LEADING US TO THAT OLD RAILROAD REPAIR SHED! THE THIEVES MUST BE IN THERE!
SNIFF!

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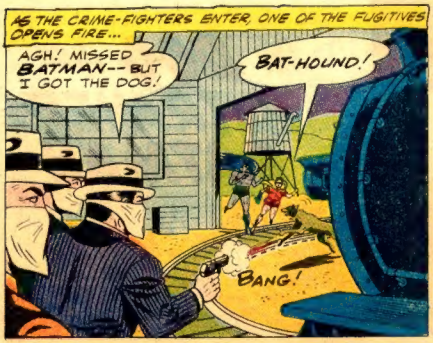
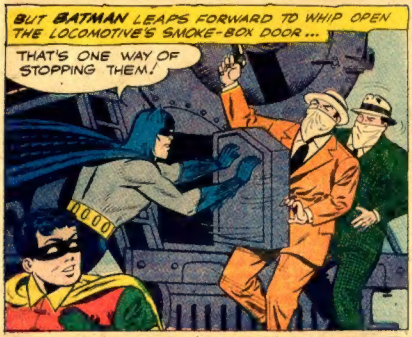
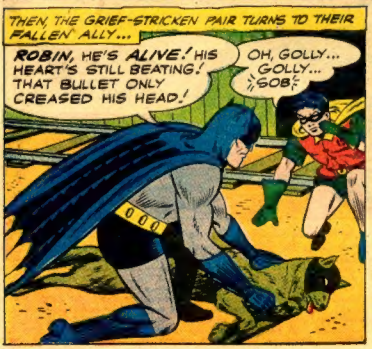
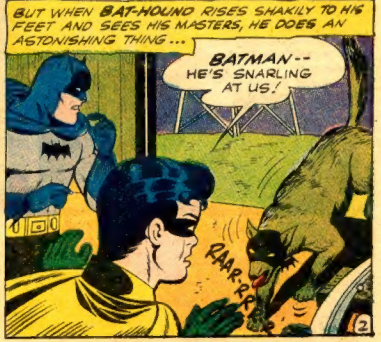

AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ENTER, ONE OF THE FUGITIVES OPENS FIRE...
AGH! MISSED BATMAN-- BUT I GOT THE DOG!
BAT-HOUND!
BANG!

WILD WITH FURY, THE VENGEFUL LAD ATTACKS, IGNORING THEIR WEAPONS...
YOU KILLED BAT-HOUND! YOU KILLED BAT-HOUND!
YOW! GET THIS KID AWAY FROM ME!


BUT BATMAN LEAPS FORWARD TO WHIP OPEN THE LOCOMOTIVE'S SMOKE-BOX DOOR...
THAT'S ONE WAY OF STOPPING THEM!

THEN, LIKE TWIN SLEDGEHAMMERS, BATMAN'S FISTS POUND AT HIS FOE...
THIS WILL KEEP YOU OUT OF ACTION UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVE!


THEN, THE GRIEF-STRICKEN PAIR TURNS TO THEIR FALLEN ALLY...
ROBIN, HE'S ALIVE! HIS HEART'S STILL BEATING! THAT BULLET ONLY CREASED HIS HEAD!
OH, GOLLY... GOLLY... SOB!


BUT WHEN BAT-HOUND RISES SHAKILY TO HIS FEET AND SEES HIS MASTERS, HE DOES AN ASTONISHING THING...
BATMAN-- HE'S SNARLING AT US!
RAAR-RR

SUDDENLY, BAT-HOUND WHEELS AND FLEES...
BAT-HOUND--COME BACK! GOSH, BATMAN--HE DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW US!
THAT MUST BE IT, ROBIN! THE BULLET WOUND GAVE HIM AMNESIA! HE DOESN'T REMEMBER US! THAT'S WHY HE RAN AWAY!
SOME TIME LATER, THE WEARY DOG LOPES ON UNTIL HE REACHES AN ISOLATED CABIN...
A DOG!
COME HERE, FELLA! YOU LOOK MIGHTY TIRED AND HUNGRY! HOW ABOUT SOME CHOW?
LURED BY THE ODOR OF FOOD, BAT-HOUND GOES TO THE STRANGER...
WHY WOULD YOU BE WEARING THAT MASK? WELL--T'AIN'T NONE O' MY BUSINESS! I RESPECT PRIVACY! THAT'S WHY I LIVE HERE--AWAY FROM SNOOPY FOLKS! I LIVED HERE FOR 10 YEARS--ALONE--AND GLAD OF IT!
OLD WILKINS, THE HERMIT--FOLKS CALL ME! BUT I GUESS EVEN A HERMIT WOULDN'T MIND HAVING A DOG AROUND FOR COMPANY! YESSIREE, FELLA--YOU KIN STAY--AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!
SEVERAL DAYS PASS, DAYS THAT CHANGE THE HERMIT'S WAY OF THINKING...
YOU'RE GOOD COMPANY, FELLA--BUT SOMETIMES I WISH YOU COULD TALK! SOMEHOW, YOU MADE ME REALIZE HOW LONELY I'VE BEEN--HOW I MISS THE SOUND OF ANOTHER HUMAN'S VOICE...
THEN, ONE NIGHT, AS BAT-HOUND SLEEPS, AND OLD WILKINS STEPS OUTSIDE HIS CABIN...
YOU MUST HAVE SOME DOUGH STASHED IN THERE, OLDTIMER! HAND IT OVER, AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!
NO--LET ME ALONE! HELP! HELP!
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AWAKENED BY THE CRY, BAT-HOUND LEAPS TO THE DEFENSE OF HIS NEW FRIEND...
YII! THAT DOG! LOOK AT HIS MASK! THAT'S BAT-HOUND! LET'S GET OUTA HERE-- FAST!
BANG
AT THAT MOMENT, STILL ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THEIR LOST DOG, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE CLOSE BY...
GUNFIRE!
IT CAME FROM THAT WAY! COME ON, ROBIN!
BANG
BUT, IN FLEEING, THE TWO TRAMPS BLUNDER RIGHT INTO THE CRIME-FIGHTERS...
YIPE! BATMAN AND ROBIN! THE MINUTE I SAW THEIR POOCH, I KNEW THEY'D BE AROUND SOMEWHERE!
HEAR THAT, ROBIN? IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT SHOT!
LET'S WRAP THIS UP FAST, ROBIN-- SO WE CAN GET TO BAT-HOUND BEFORE HE RUNS AWAY AGAIN!
WHEN THEY REACH THE OLD HERMIT'S CABIN...
LOOK, BATMAN-- BAT-HOUND DOESN'T RECOGNIZE US! HE STILL HAS AMNESIA!
SO HE'S YOUR DOG, BATMAN! AMNESIA, EH? THAT EXPLAINS IT!
RAR-AAR-RAAR-RR
ABRUPTLY, BAT-HOUND BOUNDS INTO THE WOODS AND DISAPPEARS...
THE WAY HE'S RUNNING, ANYONE WOULD THINK WE MIGHT HURT HIM!
ROBIN-- THAT'S THE ANSWER! THE LAST THING HE SAW BEFORE HIS AMNESIA WAS THE MASKED GUNMEN! BECAUSE WE'RE WEARING MASKS, TOO, BAT-HOUND IS CONFUSED! HE THINKS WE'RE EVIL, TOO, BUT HE RUNS AWAY, INSTEAD OF ATTACKING US, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE GUNS!
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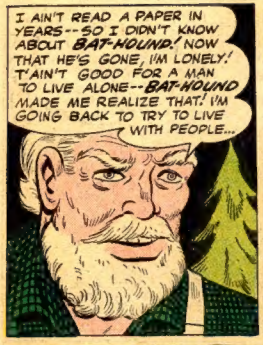
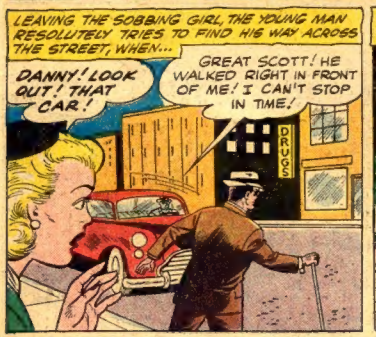
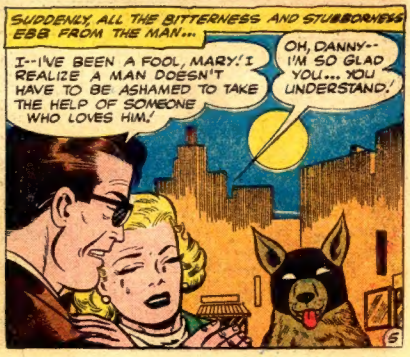

I AIN'T READ A PAPER IN YEARS--SO I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT BAT-HOUND! NOW THAT HE'S GONE, I'M LONELY! T'AIN'T GOOD FOR A MAN TO LIVE ALONE--BAT-HOUND MADE ME REALIZE THAT! I'M GOING BACK TO TRY TO LIVE WITH PEOPLE...

THE NEXT DAY, BAT-HOUND REACHES THE CITY, AND AS HE PROWLS THROUGH THE STREETS...
OH, DANNY, JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE BLINDED IN THAT ACCIDENT AT YOUR SHOP DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T LOVE YOU ANY MORE! I WANT TO MARRY YOU-- LET ME HELP YOU...
NO! I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP! I CAN GET ALONG BY MYSELF! I DON'T WANT YOUR PITY!


LEAVING THE SOBBING GIRL, THE YOUNG MAN RESOLUTELY TRIES TO FIND HIS WAY ACROSS THE STREET, WHEN...
DANNY! LOOK OUT! THAT CAR!
GREAT SCOTT! HE WALKED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME! I CAN'T STOP IN TIME!
DRUGS

SUDDENLY, BAT-HOUND STREAKS FORWARD, TEETH CLENCHING THE BLIND MAN'S CANE...
OHH! HE SAVED DANNY!
SCREECH

THAT'S IT, BAT-HOUND-- BRING HIM HERE! BRING HIM BACK TO ME!
BAT-HOUND-- SO THAT'S WHO SAVED MY LIFE!


SUDDENLY, ALL THE BITTERNESS AND STUBBORNESS EBB FROM THE MAN...
I--I'VE BEEN A FOOL, MARY! I REALIZE A MAN DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ASHAMED TO TAKE THE HELP OF SOMEONE WHO LOVES HIM.
OH, DANNY-- I'M SO GLAD YOU... YOU UNDERSTAND.

THANKS, BAT-HOUND -- YOU TAUGHT ME ANOTHER THING, TOO -- THAT A BLIND MAN NEEDS A LOYAL DOG -- A SEEING-EYE DOG! I HOPE I GET A DOG THAT'S AS BRAVE AND FINE AS YOU!
MOMENTS LATER...
THERE'S BAT-HOUND! THE POLICEMAN WHO SPOTTED HIM AND TIPPED US OFF WAS RIGHT!
THERE'S NOBODY AROUND NOW -- AND THE STREET IS FAIRLY DARK! I'LL REMOVE MY COWL SO BAT-HOUND WON'T BE AFRAID OF ME -- AND LEAD HIM TO THE BATMOBILE!
BUT AS HE APPROACHES...
BATMAN! I WAS DRIVING THE CAR THAT ALMOST HIT THAT BLIND FELLOW! I'M SURE GLAD YOUR DOG DRAGGED HIM OUT OF THE WAY IN TIME!
UH-OH! I CAN'T UNMASK NOW! BAT-HOUND HAS SEEN ME -- AND THERE HE GOES AGAIN!
RAARR
LATER, WHEN THE WEARY DOG PAUSES TO REST...
HEY! IT'S BAT-HOUND! REMEMBER, WE HEARD THE RADIO SAY HE'S GOT AMNESIA -- AND BATMAN IS LOOKING FOR HIM?
YEAH -- AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! HERE, DOGGY -- HERE!
SHORTLY AFTER...
ARE YOU THE MAN WHO PHONED POLICE HEADQUARTERS ABOUT BAT-HOUND?
YEAH! I KNOW WHERE HE IS AND I CAN TAKE YOU TO HIM! FOLLOW ME!
SOON...
THERE HE IS! I TIED HIM UP SO HE COULDN'T RUN AWAY AGAIN!
THANKS! I'LL SEE YOU'RE REWARDED FOR THIS!

BUT AS THEY ENTER...
NOT LONG AFTER, WHEN THEY RECOVER CONSCIOUSNESS...
FUNNY AIN'T IT? BATMAN AND ROBIN BAITED INTO A TRAP--BY THEIR OWN BAT-HOUND! HAW, HAW!
BATMAN--WE'RE GONNA GET RID OF YOU FOR GOOD IN THE RIVER, SO YOU CAN NEVER BOTHER ANY CROOK AGAIN!
SO THIS IS IT! MY CAREER ISN'T ENDING IN A BLAZE OF GLORY! IT'S WINDING UP AS IT BEGAN--IN SECRET!
"SECRET"? HEY--NOBODY KNOWS YOUR SECRET IDENTITY--BUT BEFORE YOU DIE, WE WILL!
A QUICK FLIP OF THE COWL--AND THE FACE IS AT LAST REVEALED...
GOSH!
SO THAT'S WHO BATMAN REALLY IS!
WHO IS HE? I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE!
HE'S NOBODY FAMOUS WHO'S HIDING HIS IDENTITY!
LUCKILY, I DISGUISED MYSELF WITH MAKE-UP--BECAUSE I INTENDED TO UNMASK BEFORE BAT-HOUND WITHOUT REVEALING MYSELF TO ANY OBSERVER!
YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS! SOMEBODY IS SURE TO SEE YOU DROP ME INTO THE RIVER--YOU'LL BE RECOGNIZED!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BATMAN! SO WE'LL WEAR MASKS--NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY US FROM OUR ROGUES' GALLERY PICTURES!

BATMAN'S RUSE WORKS--FOR NO SOONER DOES BAT-HOUND SEE THE HATED MASKS AND GUNS THAN HE ATTACKS...

JUST AS I HOPED--THIS FLIMSY CHAIR CRACKED! WHILE BAT-HOUND KEEPS THOSE THUGS BUSY, I'LL WRIGGLE OUT OF MY ROPES AND FREE ROBIN!

MOMENTS LATER, THREE CRIME-FIGHTERS JOIN FORCES...

OOF!

UHH!

UGH!

GOOD THING I CHANGED MY FACIAL APPEARANCE, TOO! WITH MY MASK OFF, BAT-HOUND KNOWS I'M HIS FRIEND AND THOSE THUGS ARE HIS ENEMIES!

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AND, TWO DAYS LATER, AT A PET HOSPITAL...

WELL, ROBIN, THE OPERATION ON BAT-HOUND'S HEAD CLEARED UP HIS AMNESIA! HE WON'T RUN AWAY FROM US, AGAIN!

YES--BUT HE DID A LOT OF GOOD WHILE HE WAS AWAY! HE HELPED OLD WILKINS, THE HERMIT--DANNY, THE BLIND FELLOW--AND HELPED US TO PUT SOME CRIMINALS RIGHT INTO PRISON!

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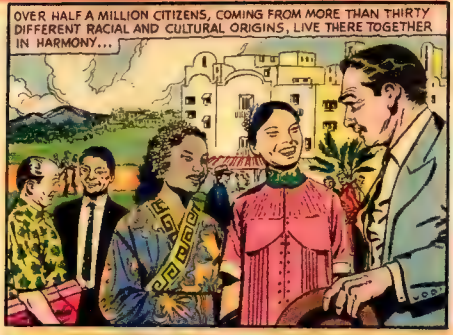
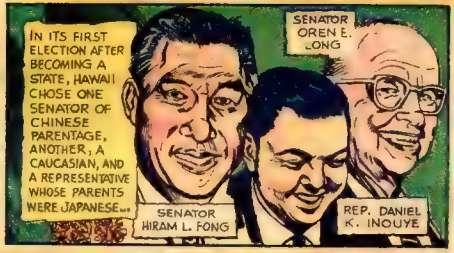

OVER HALF A MILLION CITIZENS, COMING FROM MORE THAN THIRTY DIFFERENT RACIAL AND CULTURAL ORIGINS, LIVE THERE TOGETHER IN HARMONY...

AMONG THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT RELIGIONS, ABOUT A TENTH OF THE POPULATION BELONGING TO THE BUDDHIST FAITH...


IN ITS FIRST ELECTION AFTER BECOMING A STATE, HAWAII CHOSE ONE SENATOR OF CHINESE PARENTAGE, ANOTHER, A CAUCASIAN, AND A REPRESENTATIVE WHOSE PARENTS WERE JAPANESE...
SENATOR OREN E. LONG
SENATOR HIRAM L. FONG
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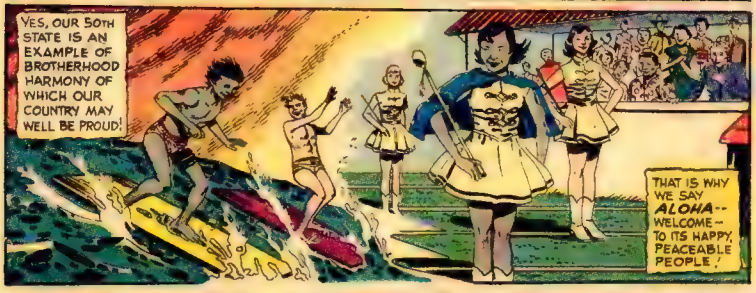
YES, OUR 50TH STATE IS AN EXAMPLE OF BROTHERHOOD HARMONY OF WHICH OUR COUNTRY MAY WELL BE PROUD!
THAT IS WHY WE SAY ALOHA -- WELCOME -- TO ITS HAPPY, PEACEABLE PEOPLE!

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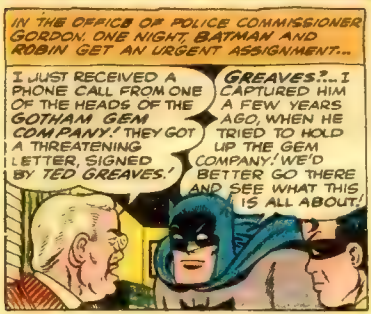
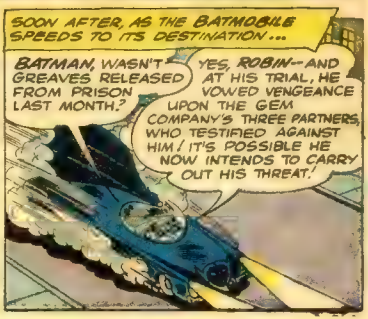
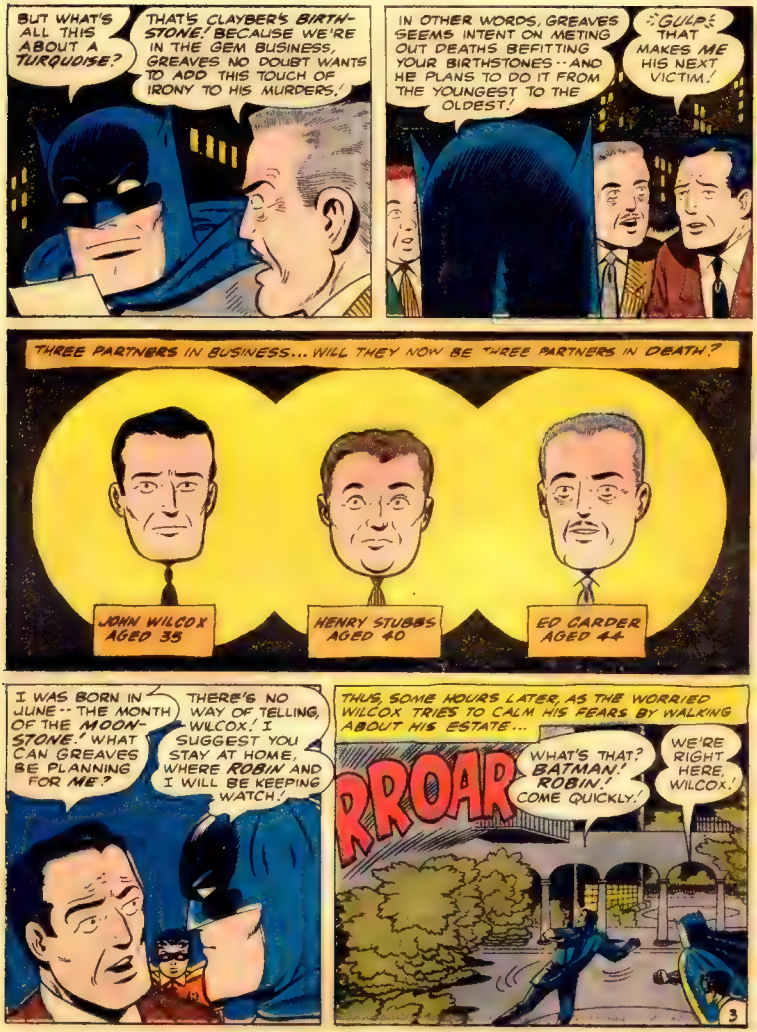
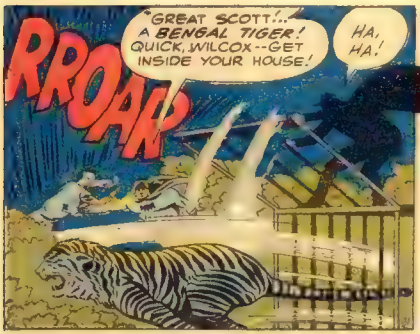
the CASE of the DEADLY GEMS
ROBIN!.. LOOK OUT! THE MASKED KILLER HAS PUSHED THAT ADVERTISING BEACON DOWN ON US!
BOB KANE


IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON, ONE NIGHT, BATMAN AND ROBIN GET AN URGENT ASSIGNMENT...
I JUST RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM ONE OF THE HEADS OF THE GOTHAM GEM COMPANY! THEY GOT A THREATENING LETTER, SIGNED BY TED GREAVES!
GREAVES?.. I CAPTURED HIM A FEW YEARS AGO, WHEN HE TRIED TO HOLD UP THE GEM COMPANY! WE'D BETTER GO THERE AND SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!


SOON AFTER, AS THE BATMOBILE SPEEDS TO ITS DESTINATION...
BATMAN, WASN'T GREAVES RELEASED FROM PRISON LAST MONTH?
YES, ROBIN--AND AT HIS TRIAL, HE VOWED VENGEANCE UPON THE GEM COMPANY'S THREE PARTNERS, WHO TESTIFIED AGAINST HIM! IT'S POSSIBLE HE NOW INTENDS TO CARRY OUT HIS THREAT!

INDEED, JUST AS THEY REACH THE GOTHAM GEM COMPANY...
BATMAN!... LOOK! A BODY ON THE PAVEMENT! THAT MASKED MAN UP THERE MUST HAVE PUSHED HIM TO HIS DEATH!
GREAT SCOTT! COME ON, ROBIN... WE CAN'T LET THAT KILLER ESCAPE!
BUT AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS DASH ACROSS THE STREET...
LOOK OUT! HE'S LOOSENED THAT GEM ADVERTISING BEACON, AND PUSHED IT OVER!
CRASH
BY THE TIME BATMAN AND ROBIN RECOVER AND REACH THE ROOF...
HE'S GONE -- PROBABLY OVER ANOTHER ROOFTOP!
HMM -- THIS BIT OF BLACK CLOTH, CAUGHT ON THE SIGN'S SUPPORT... LOOKS LIKE IT WAS TORN AWAY FROM THE KILLER'S CAPE!
RETURNING TO THE STREET, THEY FIND THREE FRIGHTENED MEN GATHERED AROUND THE VICTIM...
THE THREE COMPANY PARTNERS! THEN... WHO'S THE MURDERED MAN?
CLAYBER -- OUR NEW PARTNER... HE JOINED OUR FIRM JUST A FEW DAYS AGO! HERE, BATMAN -- THIS LETTER SHOULD EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!
your company rent me to prison -- so now I'll destroy it, by wiping out its owners! Clayber is the youngest, so he goes first. superstition says the turquoise protects one from falling -- but it won't protect
greaves
SO!... TED GREAVES SEEMS TO BE CARRYING OUT HIS THREAT!

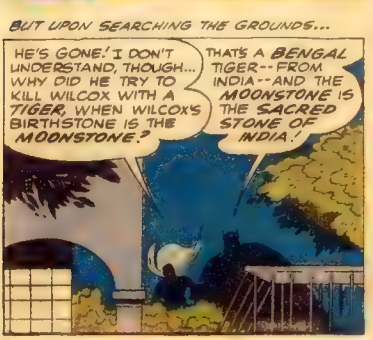

BUT WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT A TURQUOISE?
THAT'S CLAYBER'S BIRTHSTONE! BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE GEM BUSINESS, GREAVES NO DOUBT WANTS TO ADD THIS TOUCH OF IRONY TO HIS MURDERS!
IN OTHER WORDS, GREAVES SEEMS INTENT ON METING OUT DEATHS BEFITTING YOUR BIRTHSTONES--AND HE PLANS TO DO IT FROM THE YOUNGEST TO THE OLDEST!
GULP! THAT MAKES ME HIS NEXT VICTIM!
THREE PARTNERS IN BUSINESS... WILL THEY NOW BE THREE PARTNERS IN DEATH?
JOHN WILCOX AGED 35
HENRY STUBBS AGED 40
ED CARDER AGED 44
I WAS BORN IN JUNE--THE MONTH OF THE MOONSTONE! WHAT CAN GREAVES BE PLANNING FOR ME?
THERE'S NO WAY OF TELLING, WILCOX! I SUGGEST YOU STAY AT HOME, WHERE ROBIN AND I WILL BE KEEPING WATCH!
THUS, SOME HOURS LATER, AS THE WORRIED WILCOX TRIES TO CALM HIS FEARS BY WALKING ABOUT HIS ESTATE...
RROAR
WHAT'S THAT? BATMAN! ROBIN! COME QUICKLY!
WE'RE RIGHT HERE, WILCOX!

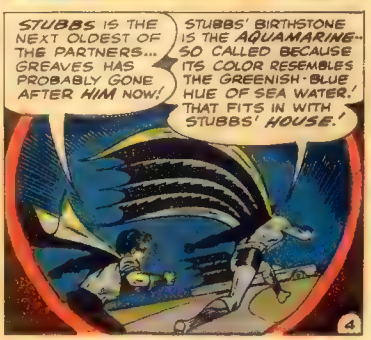

RROAR
"GREAT SCOTT!... A BENGAL TIGER! QUICK, WILCOX--GET INSIDE YOUR HOUSE!"
HA, HA!

SWIFTLY, BATMAN WHIPS OFF HIS CAPE, AND...
TIGERS HATE A FLAPPING CLOTH... THEY ALWAYS SLASH AT IT!

THE TRICK IS TO DRAW HIM OFF--JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO GET OUT OUR BAT-ROPES...

MOMENTS LATER, TWIN LASSOES TWINE TAUTLY ABOUT THE TAWNY TIGER...
THIS'LL TAKE CARE OF A FOUR-LEGGED KILLER... NOW, LET'S GO AFTER THE TWO-LEGGED KIND!


BUT UPON SEARCHING THE GROUNDS...
HE'S GONE! I DON'T UNDERSTAND, THOUGH... WHY DID HE TRY TO KILL WILCOX WITH A TIGER, WHEN WILCOX'S BIRTHSTONE IS THE MOONSTONE?
THAT'S A BENGAL TIGER--FROM INDIA--AND THE MOONSTONE IS THE SACRED STONE OF INDIA!


STUBBS IS THE NEXT OLDEST OF THE PARTNERS... GREAVES HAS PROBABLY GONE AFTER HIM NOW!
STUBBS' BIRTHSTONE IS THE AQUAMARINE--SO CALLED BECAUSE ITS COLOR RESEMBLES THE GREENISH-BLUE HUE OF SEA WATER! THAT FITS IN WITH STUBBS' HOUSE!
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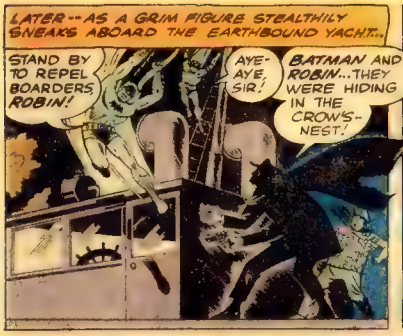
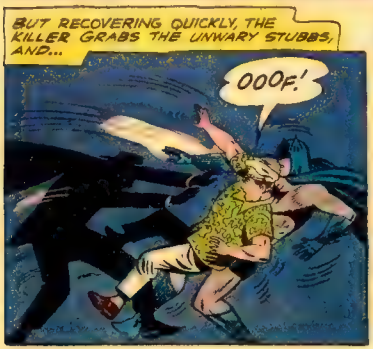
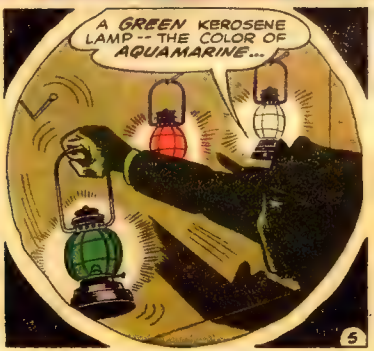
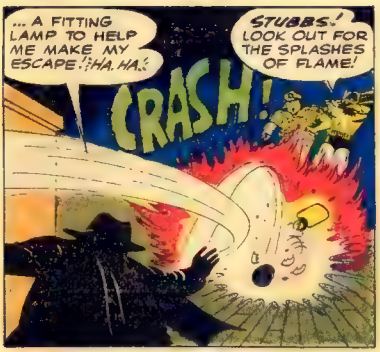
UPON REACHING STUBBS' UNIQUE DWELLING...
WHY... IT'S A YACHT--ON LAND!
YES--STUBBS LOVES BOATS SO MUCH, HE LIVES ON A YACHT TRANSPLANTED TO HIS ESTATE! IT'S A FIT SETTING FOR A POSSIBLE AQUAMARINE MURDER!

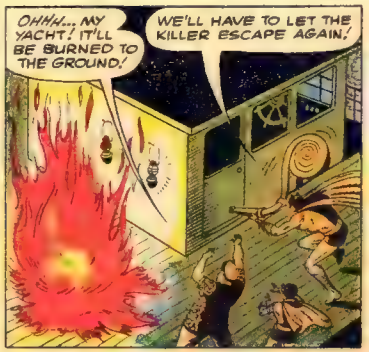

LATER--AS A GRIM FIGURE STEALTHILY SNEAKS ABOARD THE EARTHBOUND YACHT...
STAND BY TO REPEL BOARDERS ROBIN!
AYE-AYE, SIR!
BATMAN AND ROBIN...THEY WERE HIDING IN THE CROW'S-NEST!

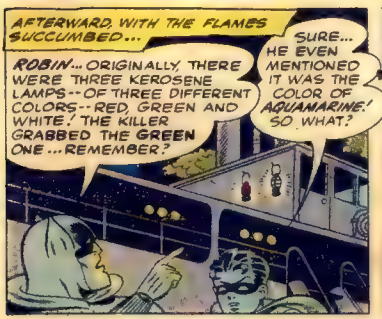
YOU'RE GOING INTO THE BRIG, GREAVES!
BANG!

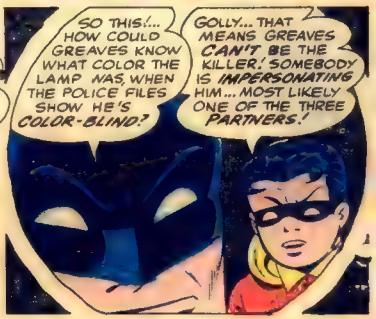

BUT RECOVERING QUICKLY, THE KILLER GRABS THE UNWARY STUBBS, AND...
OOOF!

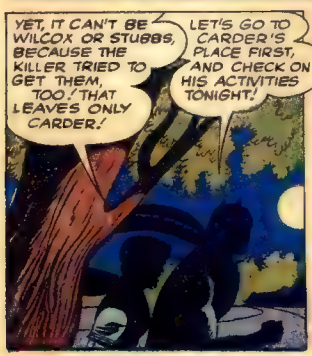

A GREEN KEROSENE LAMP--THE COLOR OF AQUAMARINE...

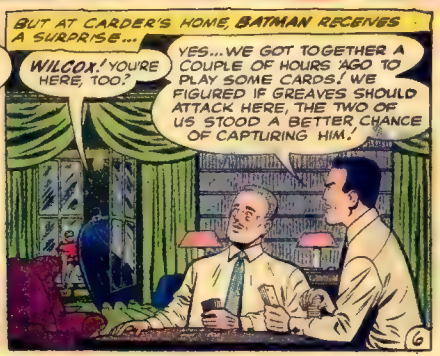

... A FITTING LAMP TO HELP ME MAKE MY ESCAPE! HA, HA!
STUBBS! LOOK OUT FOR THE SPLASHES OF FLAME!
CRASH!


OHHH... MY YACHT! IT'LL BE BURNED TO THE GROUND!
WE'LL HAVE TO LET THE KILLER ESCAPE AGAIN!


AFTERWARD, WITH THE FLAMES SUCCUMBED...
ROBIN... ORIGINALLY, THERE WERE THREE KEROSENE LAMPS--OF THREE DIFFERENT COLORS--RED, GREEN AND WHITE! THE KILLER GRABBED THE GREEN ONE... REMEMBER?
SURE... HE EVEN MENTIONED IT WAS THE COLOR OF AQUAMARINE! SO WHAT?


SO THIS!... HOW COULD GREAVES KNOW WHAT COLOR THE LAMP WAS, WHEN THE POLICE FILES SHOW HE'S COLOR-BLIND?
GOLLY... THAT MEANS GREAVES CAN'T BE THE KILLER! SOMEBODY IS IMPERSONATING HIM... MOST LIKELY ONE OF THE THREE PARTNERS!


YET, IT CAN'T BE WILCOX OR STUBBS, BECAUSE THE KILLER TRIED TO GET THEM, TOO! THAT LEAVES ONLY CARDER!
LET'S GO TO CARDER'S PLACE FIRST, AND CHECK ON HIS ACTIVITIES TONIGHT!


BUT AT CARDER'S HOME, BATMAN RECEIVES A SURPRISE...
WILCOX! YOU'RE HERE, TOO?
YES... WE GOT TOGETHER A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO TO PLAY SOME CARDS! WE FIGURED IF GREAVES SHOULD ATTACK HERE, THE TWO OF US STOOD A BETTER CHANCE OF CAPTURING HIM!

AS THE PUZZLED CRIME FIGHTERS LEAVE...

THIS MEANS THE KILLER CAN'T BE CARDER, EITHER, BECAUSE HE WAS WITH WILCOX WHILE WE WERE FIGHTING THE KILLER AT STUBBS' YACHT. GOSH... NOTHING SEEMS TO FIT ANYMORE.

DID YOU SAY--"FIT?" GREAT SCOTT--THAT'S IT!... SOMETHING I NOTICED ABOUT THE KILLER EACH TIME. ROBIN, I THINK I'VE GOT THE ANSWER!

SNAP!

WHAT CLUE HAS BATMAN UNCOVERED? CAN YOU SPOT IT?

LATER, IN THE GEM COMPANY BUILDING...

WHAT'S THE IDEA, BATMAN? WHY DID YOU ASK US HERE TO MEET YOU?

BECAUSE I WANTED TO INFORM YOU THAT I NOW KNOW WHO REALLY KILLED CLAYBER.

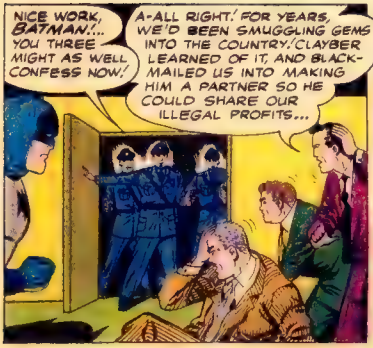
ALL THREE OF YOU ARE GUILTY!

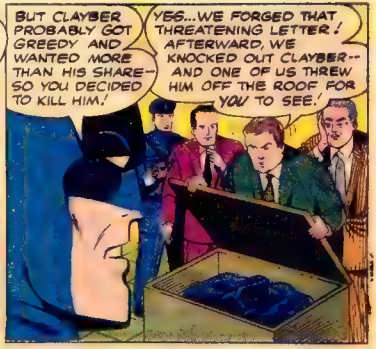
HE'S WISE TO US! GRAB THEM. WE CAN'T LET THEM LIVE NOW!

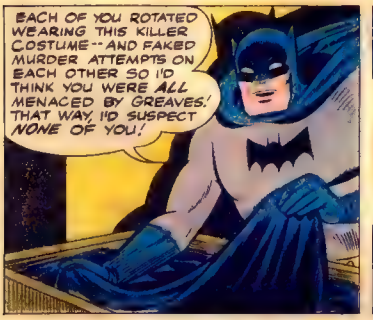
BUT BATMAN'S STEELY HANDS REACH OUT, AND...

GULP! KILL HIM! WE CAN'T LET HIM TIP OFF THE POLICE ABOUT US!

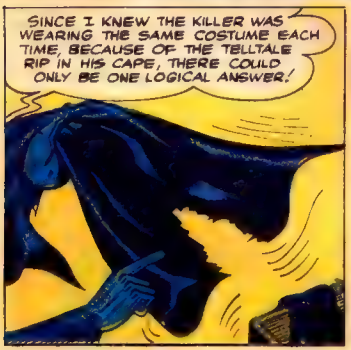
BUT THE POLICE ALREADY KNOW! OKAY, MEN--YOU CAN COME IN NOW!

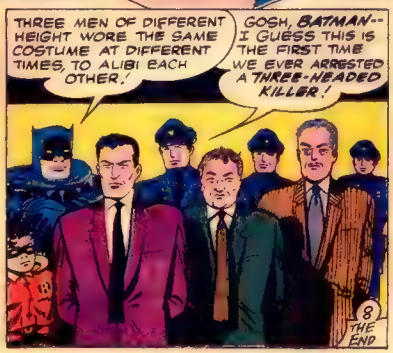

NICE WORK, BATMAN!... YOU THREE MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS NOW!
A-ALL RIGHT! FOR YEARS, WE'D BEEN SMUGGLING GEMS INTO THE COUNTRY! CLAYBER LEARNED OF IT, AND BLACK-MAILED US INTO MAKING HIM A PARTNER SO HE COULD SHARE OUR ILLEGAL PROFITS...


BUT CLAYBER PROBABLY GOT GREEDY AND WANTED MORE THAN HIS SHARE--SO YOU DECIDED TO KILL HIM!
YES...WE FORGED THAT THREATENING LETTER! AFTERWARD, WE KNOCKED OUT CLAYBER--AND ONE OF US THREW HIM OFF THE ROOF FOR YOU TO SEE!


EACH OF YOU ROTATED WEARING THIS KILLER COSTUME--AND FAKED MURDER ATTEMPTS ON EACH OTHER SO I'D THINK YOU WERE ALL MENACED BY GREAVES! THAT WAY, I'D SUSPECT NONE OF YOU!

BUT ONE DETAIL GAVE YOU AWAY! WHEN I FIRST SAW THE KILLER, HIS PANTS FITTED PERFECTLY... THE SECOND TIME, THEY WERE TOO LONG--THE THIRD TIME, TOO SHORT!


SINCE I KNEW THE KILLER WAS WEARING THE SAME COSTUME EACH TIME, BECAUSE OF THE TELLTALE RIP IN HIS CAPE, THERE COULD ONLY BE ONE LOGICAL ANSWER!


THREE MEN OF DIFFERENT HEIGHT WORE THE SAME COSTUME AT DIFFERENT TIMES, TO ALIBI EACH OTHER!
GOSH, BATMAN--I GUESS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER ARRESTED A THREE-HEADED KILLER!
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THE END

CASEY
THE COP
HELP! I'VE BEEN SWINDLED!
I WAS GIVEN THIS COUNTERFEIT BILL TODAY!
HMM - THAT WAS THE THIRD COUNTERFEIT BILL PASSED THIS WEEK!
LATER
CASEY, HE JUST GAVE ME A COUNTERFEIT BILL!
BUT, OFFICER, THE LAW SAYS A COUNTERFEIT BILL IS A COPY OF REAL MONEY. THESE AREN'T COPIES INSTEAD OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PICTURE, I PRINTED MY OWN PORTRAIT ON THEM!
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END

Dear Editor:

Does BATMAN have any other uniforms besides the one he usually wears?

Richard Secviar, Hammond, Ind.

(BATMAN has a number of different costumes, which he wears for special situations. For example, while tailing crooks in snowy country, he once used an all-white outfit to camouflage himself. On another occasion, when battling a superstitious gangster, he wore a luminous green costume to make himself glow in the dark.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I've often wondered what would become of BATMAN if he fell under the spell of a sorcerer?

Lyman Thorpe, Houston, Tex.

(You'll get your answer in the May issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 109, in a story entitled "THE BEWITCHED BATMAN." You'll also see how BATMAN is aided in this predicament by SUPERMAN, who endows the caped crime-fighter with SUPER-POWERS.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Every so often, you have a story in which BATMAN and ROBIN are sent back in time by their friend, Professor Nichols. Why does the professor keep his marvelous time machine a secret from other scientists? How come BATMAN and ROBIN are the only persons he's ever told about it?

Sylvia Harper, Independence, Mo.

(Professor Nichols doesn't believe the world is ready for his invention. Criminals or greedy persons might make ill use of it. He trusts BATMAN and ROBIN with his secret, knowing that they sometimes must go back in time in order to solve a mystery.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Why don't BATMAN and ROBIN go on a tour of the country and teach policemen all their crime-fighting techniques?

Dave Morrison, Wilmington, Calif.

(Such a project would take too much time. However, BATMAN and ROBIN are continually in touch with police departments around the world, transmitting to them all their latest methods and always ready to assist them in any emergency.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Has a situation ever developed where BATMAN *protects* a man whom the police are after?

Wilbur Owens, Honolulu, Hawaii

(That's one of the situations which arise in the case of "THE MAN WHO BECAME A GIANT," appearing in the April issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 278.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In a recent story, BATMAN used a powerful acid, taken from his UTILITY BELT, to burn the lock of a cell in which he and ROBIN were being held prisoner. I don't get it. Wouldn't that acid also burn his hand?

Terry Lee Stetler, New Boston, Mich.

(The acid is contained in a tiny shatterproof vial. It never gets to touch BATMAN'S hand when he uses it.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

BATMAN and ROBIN make frequent use of their CRIME LABORATORY in the BAT-CAVE. But what happens when they're on an urgent case, and haven't got time to return to the BAT-CAVE?

Sean Cassidy, Las Vegas, Nev.

(Both the BATMOBILE and the BAT-PLANE are equipped with portable crime laboratories. Naturally, these labs are nowhere near the size of the one in the BAT-CAVE. They contain only the basic equipment, but, in emergencies, they have been very useful to the duo.—Ed.)

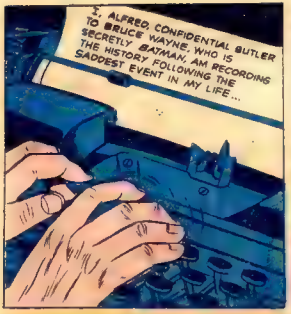
Dear Editor:

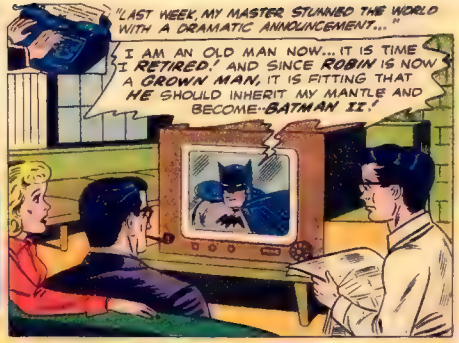
My favorite stories are BATMAN and ROBIN in adventures under the sea. Are you planning any in the near future?

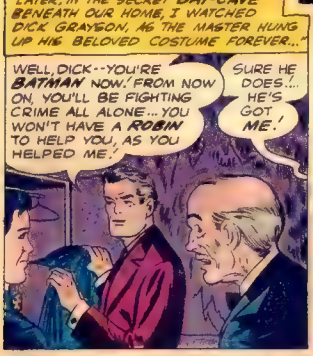
Elizabeth Walker, Cheyenne, Wyo.

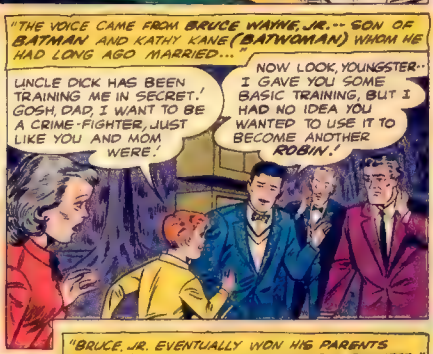
(We certainly are—in the next issue of BATMAN COMICS, where the caped crime-fighters seek "THE LAIR OF THE SEA FOX."—Ed.)

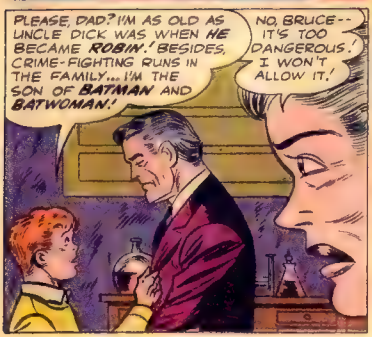
SOME DAY, BATMAN WILL BE OLD--SOME DAY, BATMAN WILL HAVE TO RETIRE! WHEN THAT DAY COMES, ROBIN, A BOY NO LONGER, WILL BECOME HIS SUCCESSOR--BATMAN THE SECOND! BUT THEN, WHO WILL BECOME ROBIN THE SECOND? YOU WILL SOON SEE FOR YOURSELF, AS YOU TAKE A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE AT...
BATMAN WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
the SECOND BATMAN and ROBIN TEAM
LOOK!...OUR SON IS IN DANGER!
BOB KANE
EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT NOW! HERE COME MOM AND DAD TO HELP US!

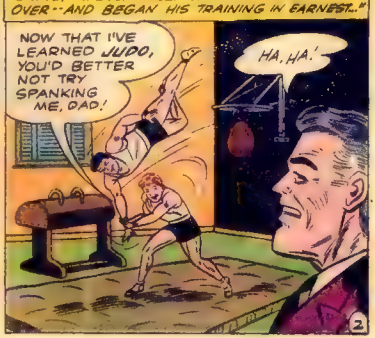

ALFRED, CONFIDENTIAL BUTLER TO BRUCE WAYNE, WHO IS SECRETLY BATMAN, AM RECORDING THE HISTORY FOLLOWING THE SADDEST EVENT IN MY LIFE...

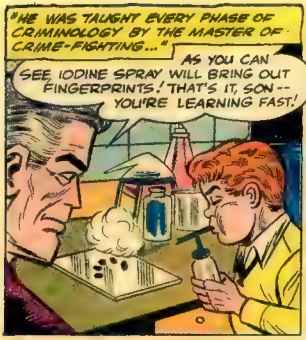

"LAST WEEK, MY MASTER STUNNED THE WORLD WITH A DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT..."
I AM AN OLD MAN NOW... IT IS TIME I RETIRED! AND SINCE ROBIN IS NOW A GROWN MAN, IT IS FITTING THAT HE SHOULD INHERIT MY MANTLE AND BECOME-BATMAN II!

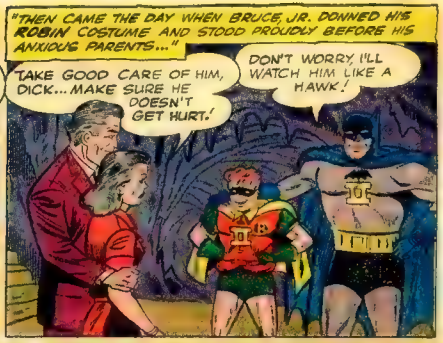

"LATER, IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE BENEATH OUR HOME, I WATCHED DICK GRAYSON, AS THE MASTER HUNG UP HIS BELOVED COSTUME FOREVER..."
WELL, DICK--YOU'RE BATMAN NOW! FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL BE FIGHTING CRIME ALL ALONE... YOU WON'T HAVE A ROBIN TO HELP YOU, AS YOU HELPED ME!
SURE HE DOES... HE'S GOT ME!

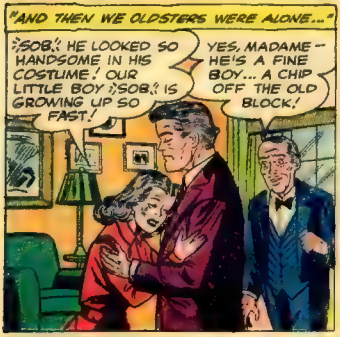

"THE VOICE CAME FROM BRUCE WAYNE, JR.-- SON OF BATMAN AND KATHY KANE (BATWOMAN) WHOM HE HAD LONG AGO MARRIED..."
UNCLE DICK HAS BEEN TRAINING ME IN SECRET! GOSH, DAD, I WANT TO BE A CRIME-FIGHTER, JUST LIKE YOU AND MOM WERE!
NOW LOOK, YOUNGSTER-- I GAVE YOU SOME BASIC TRAINING, BUT I HAD NO IDEA YOU WANTED TO USE IT TO BECOME ANOTHER ROBIN!

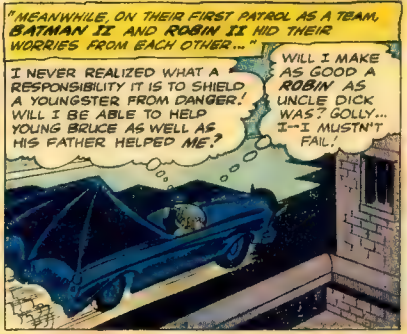

PLEASE, DAD? I'M AS OLD AS UNCLE DICK WAS WHEN HE BECAME ROBIN! BESIDES, CRIME-FIGHTING RUNS IN THE FAMILY... I'M THE SON OF BATMAN AND BATWOMAN!
NO, BRUCE-- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! I WON'T ALLOW IT!


"BRUCE, JR. EVENTUALLY WON HIS PARENTS OVER--AND BEGAN HIS TRAINING IN EARNEST..."
NOW THAT I'VE LEARNED JUDO, YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY SPANKING ME, DAD!
HA, HA!

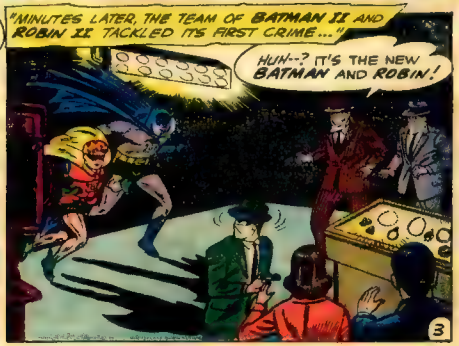

"HE WAS TAUGHT EVERY PHASE OF CRIMINOLOGY BY THE MASTER OF CRIME-FIGHTING..."
AS YOU CAN SEE, IODINE SPRAY WILL BRING OUT FINGERPRINTS! THAT'S IT, SON -- YOU'RE LEARNING FAST!

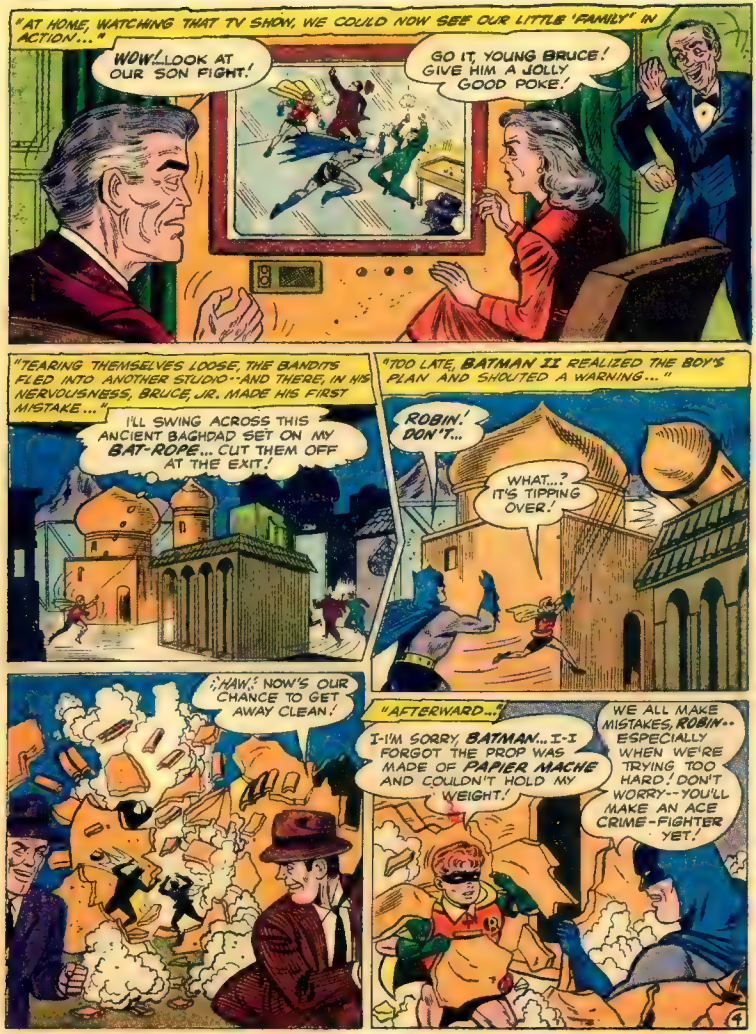

"THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN BRUCE, JR. DONNED HIS ROBIN COSTUME AND STOOD PROUDLY BEFORE HIS ANXIOUS PARENTS..."
TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, DICK... MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T GET HURT.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL WATCH HIM LIKE A HAWK!


"AND THEN WE OLDSTERS WERE ALONE..."
;SOB;! HE LOOKED SO HANDSOME IN HIS COSTUME! OUR LITTLE BOY ;SOB;! IS GROWING UP SO FAST!
YES, MADAME -- HE'S A FINE BOY... A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK!


"MEANWHILE, ON THEIR FIRST PATROL AS A TEAM, BATMAN II AND ROBIN II RID THEIR WORRIES FROM EACH OTHER..."
I NEVER REALIZED WHAT A RESPONSIBILITY IT IS TO SHIELD A YOUNGSTER FROM DANGER! WILL I BE ABLE TO HELP YOUNG BRUCE AS WELL AS HIS FATHER HELPED ME?
WILL I MAKE AS GOOD A ROBIN AS UNCLE DICK WAS? GOLLY... I--I MUSTN'T FAIL!

"SUDDENLY..."
CALLING ALL CARS! MASKED BANDITS ATTEMPTING TO STEAL GEMS FROM TELEVISED AUCTION SHOW!
THE TELEVISION STUDIOS ARE ON THE NEXT STREET... HERE WE GO! EXCITED, ROBIN?
Y-YES... I S-SURE AM!


"MINUTES LATER, THE TEAM OF BATMAN II AND ROBIN II TACKLED ITS FIRST CRIME..."
HUH--? IT'S THE NEW BATMAN AND ROBIN!


"AT HOME, WATCHING THAT TV SHOW, WE COULD NOW SEE OUR LITTLE 'FAMILY' IN ACTION..."
WOW! LOOK AT OUR SON FIGHT!
GO IT, YOUNG BRUCE! GIVE HIM A JOLLY GOOD POKE!
"TEARING THEMSELVES LOOSE, THE BANDITS FLED INTO ANOTHER STUDIO--AND THERE, IN HIS NERVOUSNESS, BRUCE, JR. MADE HIS FIRST MISTAKE..."
I'LL SWING ACROSS THIS ANCIENT BAGHDAD SET ON MY BAT-ROPE... CUT THEM OFF AT THE EXIT!
"TOO LATE, BATMAN II REALIZED THE BOY'S PLAN AND SHOUTED A WARNING..."
ROBIN! DON'T...
WHAT...? IT'S TIPPING OVER!
:HAW! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO GET AWAY CLEAN!
"AFTERWARD..."
I-I'M SORRY, BATMAN... I-I FORGOT THE PROP WAS MADE OF PAPIER MACHE AND COULDN'T HOLD MY WEIGHT!
WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, ROBIN-- ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE TRYING TOO HARD! DON'T WORRY--YOU'LL MAKE AN ACE CRIME-FIGHTER YET!
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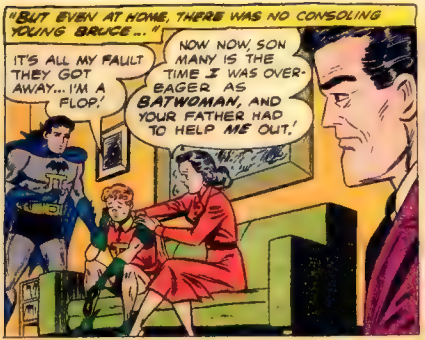
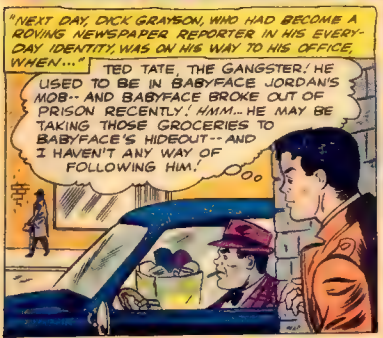
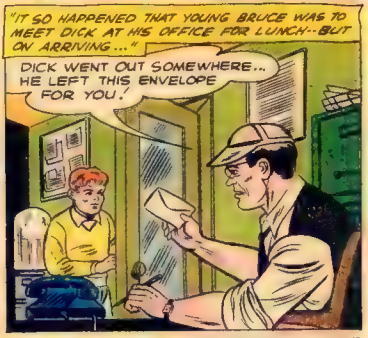
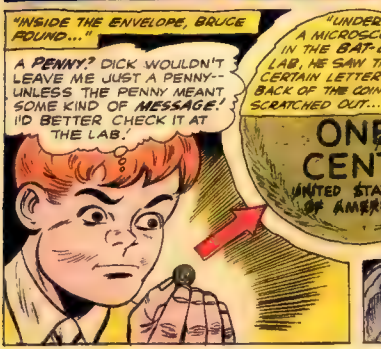

"BUT EVEN AT HOME, THERE WAS NO CONSOLING YOUNG BRUCE..."
IT'S ALL MY FAULT THEY GOT AWAY... I'M A FLOP.'
NOW NOW, SON MANY IS THE TIME I WAS OVER-EAGER AS BATWOMAN, AND YOUR FATHER HAD TO HELP ME OUT.'

SURE--AND I MADE PLENTY OF BONERS WHEN I WAS ROBIN... RIGHT, BRUCE?'
RIGHT, DICK.' DON'T WORRY, SON--WE ALL BELIEVE IN YOU...WE KNOW YOU'LL COME THROUGH.'


"NEXT DAY, DICK GRAYSON, WHO HAD BECOME A ROVING NEWSPAPER REPORTER IN HIS EVERY-DAY IDENTITY, WAS ON HIS WAY TO HIS OFFICE, WHEN..."
TED TATE, THE GANGSTER! HE USED TO BE IN BABYFACE JORDAN'S MOB--AND BABYFACE BROKE OUT OF PRISON RECENTLY! HMM... HE MAY BE TAKING THOSE GROCERIES TO BABYFACE'S HIDEOUT--AND I HAVEN'T ANY WAY OF FOLLOWING HIM.'


"IT SO HAPPENED THAT YOUNG BRUCE WAS TO MEET DICK AT HIS OFFICE FOR LUNCH--BUT ON ARRIVING..."
DICK WENT OUT SOMEWHERE... HE LEFT THIS ENVELOPE FOR YOU.'


"INSIDE THE ENVELOPE, BRUCE FOUND..."
A PENNY.' DICK WOULDN'T LEAVE ME JUST A PENNY--UNLESS THE PENNY MEANT SOME KIND OF MESSAGE.' I'D BETTER CHECK IT AT THE LAB.'
"UNDER A MICROSCOPE IN THE BAT-CAVE LAB, HE SAW THAT CERTAIN LETTERS ON THE BACK OF THE COIN WERE SCRATCHED OUT..."
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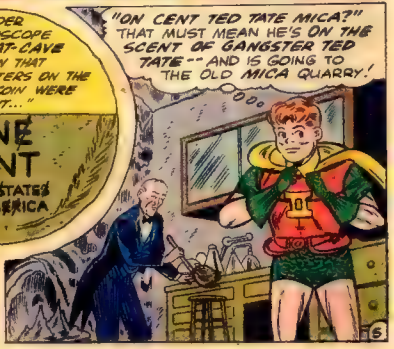
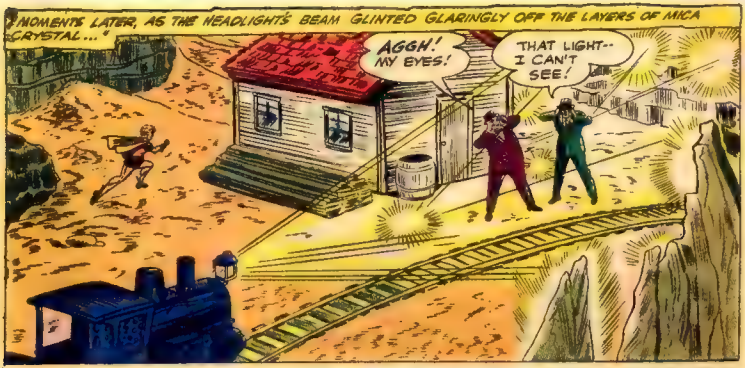
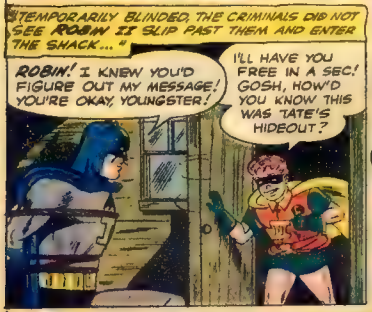
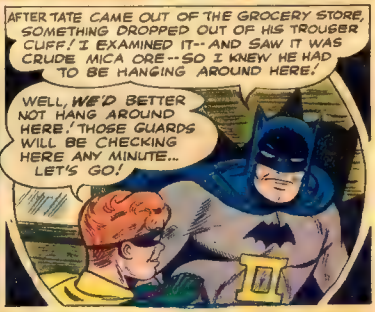
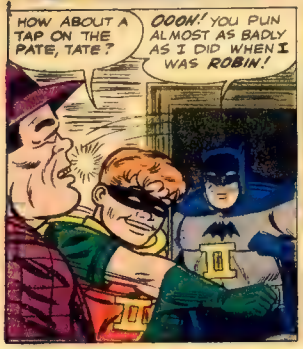

"ON CENT TED TATE MICA?" THAT MUST MEAN HE'S ON THE SCENT OF GANGSTER TED TATE--AND IS GOING TO THE OLD MICA QUARRY.'

"BECAUSE YOUNG BRUCE LEFT HURRIEDLY IN HIS ROBIN COSTUME, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO NOTIFY THE MASTER..."
WHAT?... HE LEFT ALONE? I'D BETTER SEE WHAT HE WAS EXAMINING UNDER THE MICROSCOPE!
"ONE LOOK EXPLAINED EVERYTHING--AND THE MASTER CAME TO A QUICK DECISION..."
TATE COULD BE HIDING BABYFACE JORDAN! IF SO, HIS ENTIRE MOB WILL BE MEETING THERE! OUR BOY ISN'T EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO HELP DICK HANDLE THAT GANG... IT COULD PROVE DANGEROUS... THEY'LL NEED HELP!
YOU'RE NOT GOING WITHOUT ME! IF BRUCE, JR. IS IN DANGER, I WANT TO HELP, TOO! AFTER ALL, HE'S MY SON TOO!
NOW LOOK, HONEY--YOU JUST CAN'T COME ALONG, AND THAT'S FINAL!
"NATURALLY, NO MAN EVER WINS AN ARGUMENT WITH A WOMAN--AND SO..."
NOT BAD FOR AN OLD GAL, EH? MY COSTUME STILL FITS ME--THOUGH I DID HAVE TO COVER MY GRAYING HAIR WITH A WIG!
"MEANWHILE, ROBIN II HAD REACHED THE ENTRANCE TO THE OLD MICA QUARRY, AND CREPT STEALTHILY FORWARD..."
WE REALLY TOOK BATMAN II BY SURPRISE WHEN WE JUMPED HIM! WE'LL JUST KEEP HIM IN THE SHACK UNTIL BABYFACE DECIDES WHAT TO DO WITH HIM!
UNCLE DICK--CAPTURED! I'VE GOT TO FREE HIM... BUT HOW CAN I GET PAST THOSE GUARDS? HMM--IF I CAN GET INTO THE ENGINE AND PUT ON THE HEADLIGHT...


"MOMENTS LATER, AS THE HEADLIGHT'S BEAM GLINTED GLARINGLY OFF THE LAYERS OF MICA CRYSTAL..."
AGGH! MY EYES!
THAT LIGHT-- I CAN'T SEE!


"TEMPORARILY BLINDED, THE CRIMINALS DID NOT SEE ROBIN II SLIP PAST THEM AND ENTER THE SHACK..."
ROBIN! I KNEW YOU'D FIGURE OUT MY MESSAGE! YOU'RE OKAY, YOUNGSTER!
I'LL HAVE YOU FREE IN A SEC! GOSH, HOW'D YOU KNOW THIS WAS TATE'S HIDEOUT?


AFTER TATE CAME OUT OF THE GROCERY STORE, SOMETHING DROPPED OUT OF HIS TROUSER CUFF! I EXAMINED IT--AND SAW IT WAS CRUDE MICA ORE--SO I KNEW HE HAD TO BE HANGING AROUND HERE!
WELL, WE'D BETTER NOT HANG AROUND HERE! THOSE GUARDS WILL BE CHECKING HERE ANY MINUTE... LET'S GO!


HOW ABOUT A TAP ON THE PATE, TATE?
OOOH! YOU RUN ALMOST AS BADLY AS I DID WHEN I WAS ROBIN!

"IT WAS AT THIS MOMENT THAT BABYFACE'S MOBSTERS ARRIVED FOR A MEETING WITH THEIR OLD GANG BOSS, AND..."
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME, BOYS! GRAB 'EM!
UH-OH!.. WE'VE GOT A TOUGH BATTLE ON OUR HANDS NOW, YOUNGSTER!

"THOUGH THEY FOUGHT VALIANTLY, THE ODDS WERE TOO MUCH FOR THEM--AND SOON..."
CHEE... THIS KID'S A WILDCAT! HOLD HIM!
C'MON, BOYS--WE'LL TAKE THEM TO THE BOSS! HE'S IN THE BACK OF THE QUARRY!
"BUT JUST AS THEY REACHED BABYFACE..."
LOOK!... BATMAN AND BATWOMAN! QUICK--GET BEHIND HERE... WE'LL HOLD 'EM OFF!
OKAY, BABYFACE!
OH, DEAR... WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THAT BARRAGE OF GUNFIRE!
SURE WE CAN, HONEY! COME ON--WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG
"SECONDS LATER, AS THE TRAIN BEGAN CHUGGING DEEP INTO THE QUARRY..."
KEEP DOWN, HONEY!
GET BACK! THAT ENGINE'S COMING RIGHT AT US!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
OKAY, TEAM--LET'S GO TO WORK!
CRASH

"WHAT A SPECTACLE!... THREE GENERATIONS OF CRIME-FIGHTERS, COMBINING FORCES TO COMBAT THE ENEMIES OF LAW AND ORDER!"
GOLLY--WE'RE LIKE THE THREE MUSKETEERS!
BUT WE DON'T NEED ANY SWORDS!
OUR FISTS ARE ALL WE NEED!
"LATER, WITH THE MOBSTERS IMPRISONED, THERE WAS A JOYOUS REUNION IN THE BAT-CAVE..."
YOU WERE WONDERFUL, SON... I'M PROUD OF YOU!
YES--IT LOOKS LIKE THE NEW TEAM OF BATMAN AND ROBIN IS HERE TO STAY!
ALFRED, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
HUH? OH...
WELL, YOU SEE, SIR--I JUST WANTED TO TRY OUT THIS NEW TYPEWRITER, AND BEFORE I REALIZED IT, I WAS WRITING A STORY OF WHAT POSSIBLY MIGHT HAPPEN TO US ALL IN THE FUTURE!
TOO BAD IT CAN'T BE PUBLISHED BECAUSE IT WOULD GIVE AWAY MY SECRET IDENTITY! NOBODY WILL EVER READ IT!
TRUE--NOBODY WILL EVER READ IT... BUT I HAD SO MUCH FUN WRITING THIS IMAGINARY STORY OF THE FUTURE THAT I THINK I'LL WRITE ANOTHER ONE SOMETIME...
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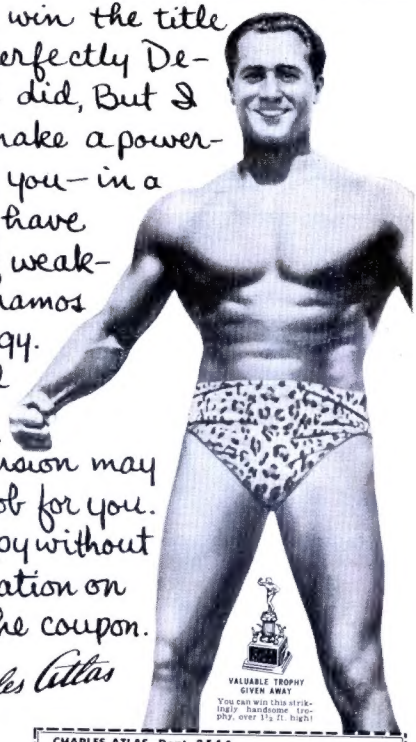

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